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## THE THOMAS LAW "HONEYMOON" HOUSE

by Jerry Blasenstein

During 1991, the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Nation's Capital, one must ponder the wealth of history that surrounds us. In our own Southwest neighborhood, itself surrounded by the monuments of an ambitious urban renewal, is located an historically significant structure known as the Thomas Law House.

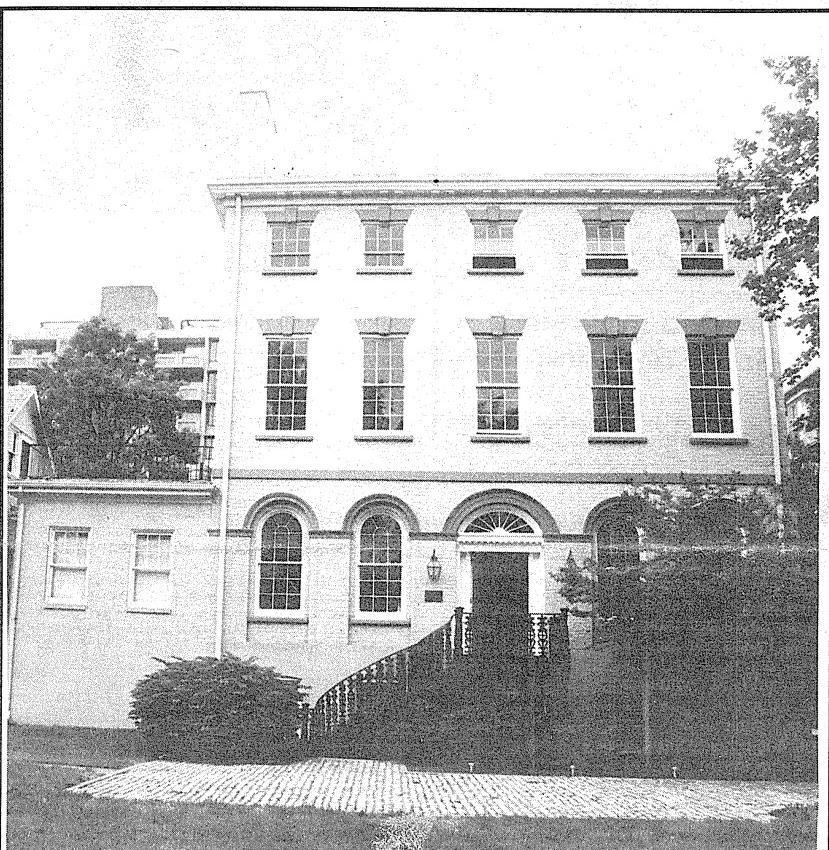
Situated on what at one time was the intersection of Sixth and N Streets, S.W., close to the river bank, the Law House has reigned as a shining example of the late eighteenth century style of Georgian architecture. It was constructed between c. 1794-96 by a syndicate of Washington entrepreneurs--Greenleaf, Morris & Nicholson--each men of honor and affluence and of visions and dreams, desiring to build a city out of woods, swamps, fields, and creeks. As a syndicate, they began purchasing property from the government at terrific rates, developing some of it, and selling parcels of it to others. In fact, the Law House is intertwined with the development of Washington which has its beginnings in Southwest.

The Law House was originally occupied upon its completion by Thomas Law, from whom its name is derived, and his new bride, Elizabeth Parke Custis, a step-granddaughter of George Washington. The appellation of "Honeymoon House" is applied to the structure for this reason. Thomas Law, who was born in 1756, was also known as a man of merit and manners, whose writings on moral philosophy took on profound meaning. Arriving in Washington, via India and New York in 1796, Law contributed greatly to the upbuilding of the city and contributed materially to its progress, via his purchase and development of several lots of real estate. Although losing the fortune he made while in India on his real estate dealings, the legacy lives on.

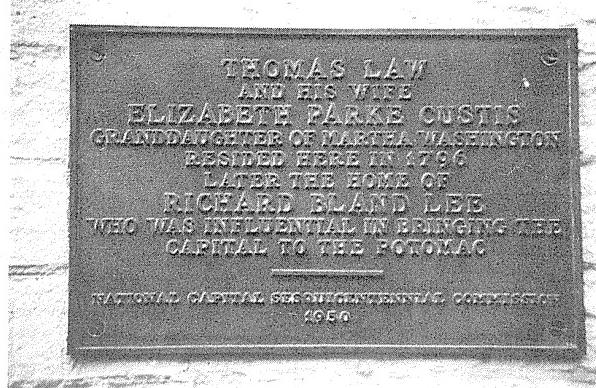
The Laws left the house to take a permanent residence on Capitol Hill at the end of 1796. It was later occupied by

Richard B. Lee (uncle of Robert E.) who led the fight to move the Federal City to its current location. It was a hotel during the 1860's and also functioned as a clinic for Hadley Memorial Hospital after 1929. It was later abandoned. By 1965, it was rehabilitated along with most of Southwest Washington. Today, it functions as a community center for Tiber Island and is available for public and private receptions.

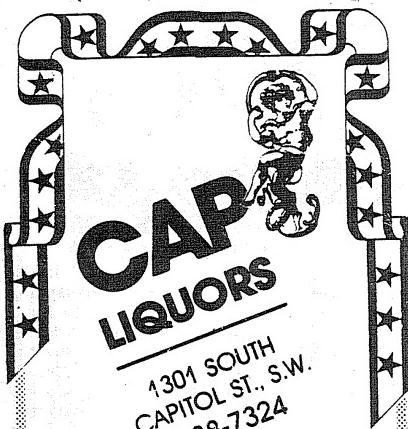
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Thomas Law House



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### **ANNUAL JOB FUNDRAISER AT HARBOUR SQUARE**

A gala reception to raise funds for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force Job Program will be held on Thursday, May 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Harbour Square rooftop Club Room, 510 N Street, S.W. (Parking will be available on Maine Avenue.) The theme for this year's event is "Helping Our Young People to Grow." The fundraiser will be held in lieu of the monthly Assembly meeting.

The YATF's summer job program includes: (a) job orientation sessions every Saturday morning in June; and (b) counseling by volunteer mentors throughout the summer. Funds raised will help pay for the summer jobs program. This year's fundraiser will again feature a renowned jazz trio, local youth performers and a short program emceed by former SWNA President Thelma D. Jones. Refreshments will be served. Donations for sponsors - \$100; patrons - \$50; and friends - \$25.

Checks should be made payable to the Southwest Community Council, Inc., and mailed to the following address: Southwest Youth Activities Task Force, Box 70463, Southwest Post Office, Washington, D.C. 20024. Payments are deductible to the extent of the law.

For additional information, please call Walter and Charlotte Brooks at 554-4528.

#### Candidates Sought for ANC Vacancy

Six months after last year's election one of the 8 Single Member Districts on ANC 2D remains vacant. Residents of SMD 7, however, will soon have a chance to fill the vacancy.

Any registered voter of the area who wants to fill the vacancy can soon pick up a petition form from the Board of Elections (1350 Pennsylvania Avenue). The Board will then send the names of all those who collect 25 signatures of residents of SMD 2D07 to ANC 2D to select a new Commissioner.

The SMD includes the area between M and N streets on the north and south, and Delaware Ave SW and 4th Street SE. It also includes one block in Southeast between L and M, 3rd and 4th.

According to a new law that went into effect in March, the vacancy was to have been filled by a special election. However, due to the city's budget problems, the DC Council decided a special election for ANCs would be too expensive. It postponed the special election provision until next year.

People interested in the SMD vacancy call ANC 2D (554-1795) or the Board of Elections (727-2525) for more information.

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**Thelma Jones - S.W. Community Activist**

#### ANC 2D Supports ACOG Project "Medical" Group Promises Benefits

In the latest of a series of agreements with developers, ANC 2D has signed an agreement with a medical group to provide educational and other benefits to the near SW/SE area.

The agreement is with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology ("ACOG"). ACOG is asking for DC government help in financing the purchase of its building on 12th and D SW.

In exchange for ANC 2D's support for its proposal, and if the DC Council gives its ok, ACOG will give an \$8,000 scholarship in medicine or nursing to a DC resident, preferably someone from the 2D area, for the next five years. It will also contribute \$15,000 toward the purchase of a "MOM VAN" by the Dept of Public Health to provide prenatal care in the area. And ACOG will also establish a pilot project on Infant Mortality Review to cover the SW/SE area.

ACOG is asking the DC government to issue "revenue bonds" to purchase their building. The bonds do not cost the government anything, but they do allow ACOG to borrow money at a lower interest rate.

Whether they get the bonds or not, ACOG has agreed to advertise their job openings locally, participate in career fairs at Jefferson Jr. High, and participate in programs on adolescent sexuality, pregnancy prevention and pre-natal care at area public schools.

#### 7-11 Wants Liquor License ANC and Neighbors Say No

Should the 7-Eleven at South Capitol and M be allowed to sell beer and wine? ANC 2D and a lot of neighbors think not.

Citing the number of youth who frequent the convenience store, its closeness to area churches, and the need to prevent a proliferation of liquor outlets, the ANC is calling on the ABC Board to reject 7-Eleven's application.

Ordinarily, District law prevents companies or individuals who have been convicted of felonies from holding liquor licenses. Since the Southland Corporation which owns the 7-Eleven has been convicted of income-tax evasion and price-fixing in other states, the ANC tried to use those facts to block the application.

The ABC Board, however, earlier this year decided those convictions were not enough to keep Southland from holding a liquor license.

### **JONES CLIMBING THE LADDER OF SUCCESS**

Congratulations to civic leader Thelma D. Jones for her outstanding performance as a Star Consultant in Mary Kay Cosmetics during the first quarter of this year. Thelma now proudly wears the Mary Kay Ladder of Success pin that is adorned with a sapphire star to signify her level of achievement. Her award-winning performance was achieved when she placed a minimum of \$1,800 wholesale orders from the company. When asked what the ladder means, Thelma proudly states that it "tells the world that I'm climbing to the top." Thelma recently celebrated her first anniversary as a Mary Kay Consultant.

We are proud of Thelma's achievements and her continued and dedicated efforts to improve the quality of life in Southwest. Although she's climbing the ladder of success in Mary Kay, Thelma hasn't forgotten to reach back and help others. Since becoming a Beauty Consultant, she has made contributions to the following civic causes: Southwest Scholarship Fund, 1990 Artists Auction, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and the SWNA General Assembly. In addition, as part of the Youth Activities Task Force Summer Job Program, Thelma will conduct a training session on grooming to approximately 25 youth, applying similar techniques used in Mary Kay.

We are honored to have her as a member of *The Southwester's* staff, and the community as well.

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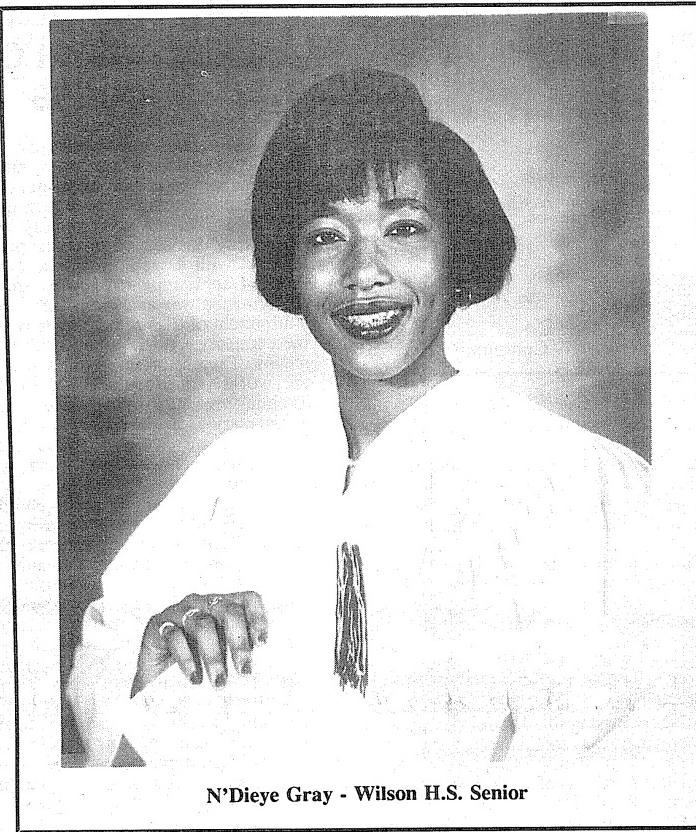
### **ANC 2D MEETING**

**7:30 pm  
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*For more information or to request time on the agenda call 554-1795*

## PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

### THROUGH THE EYES



N'Dieye Gray - Wilson H.S. Senior

### N'DIEYE GRAY: THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

by Ramona Turner

The Southwest community has many gifted, talented and very well-rounded students. Seventeen year-old N'Dieye Gray happens to be one of those students. A senior attending Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Gray is very involved in many extra-curricular activities at school. She is the Photo, Exchange and International Exchange Editor for her school newspaper, the Beacon, and the Photo Editor for the year book. She is a member of the History and Spanish clubs, president of the ski club, a member of the Gospel Choir, and a production group called the Players. To top it all off, she is an Honor Student.

Gray is also very involved in activities outside of school and in the community. She is part of a program called Broadcast Journalism where she has the opportunity to sometimes host and even direct a talk show, Child's Play, which is an Arts and Literature children's show is

another program that Gray is involved with. Child's Play is aired on WPFW radio station on Saturday mornings. She is also very active with her church. She is President of The Young Peoples Division of the Women's Missionary Society. She has had the opportunity to work at Gannett Company with the program Partners in Journalism where she and another student were chosen to participate.

Gray lives with her mother, Rebecca, and sisters Niya and Jacinta. Outside of school and community activities, she also enjoys going to the movies, biking, listening to music, reading and writing. In the fall, Gray will attend the University of Maryland/Eastern Shore on a full four-year scholarship. She would like to major in Broadcast Journalism, eventually becoming a producer and director. She says, "I really enjoy the technical side of broadcasting more than the print." Gray looks forward to graduation from high school in June, working this summer at the Department of Energy's Press Office, and, most important, preparing for college.

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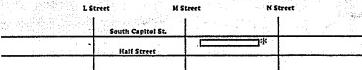
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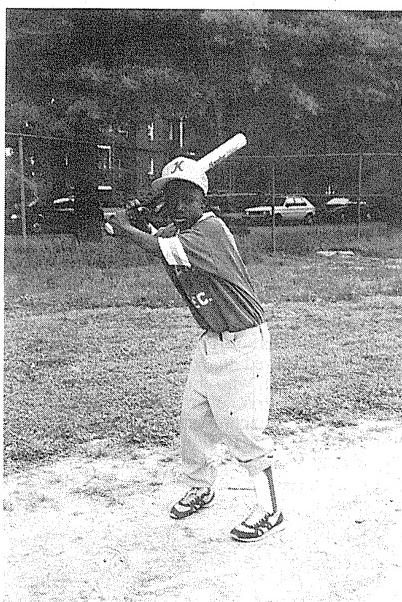
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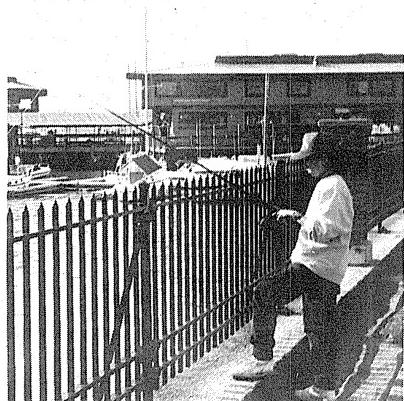
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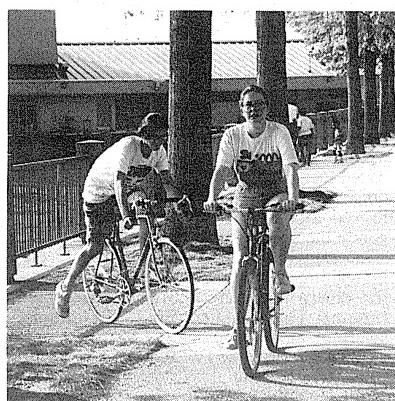
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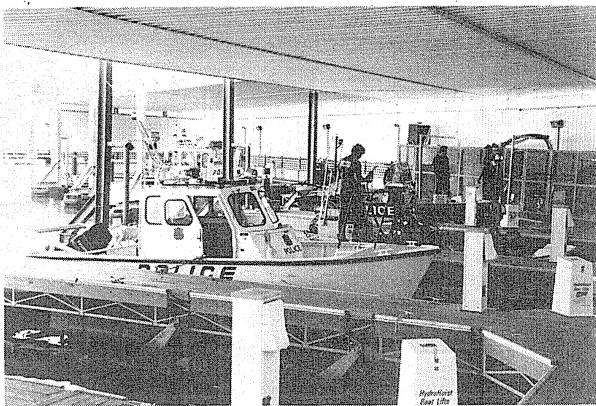
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**Harbor Police: Keeping our Waterways Safe for Us**

By Virginia Devine

"Like a hornet's nest knocked loose" is the way Officer Dennis Hance describes the whirlwind activity at the Harbor Police facility when an emergency call comes in. "A doorway around here is a dangerous place to stand when we move out in a hurry," the brawny officer says. Nothing is more important than the speed of response.

It could be any of hundreds of kinds of emergency: A vehicle in the water --if anyone is trapped inside, seconds count; a person falling in the river while "rock jumping" above Fletcher's Landing. Any accident on the DC Waterways is the responsibility of the Harbor Police. Their jurisdiction includes the Potomac from Wilson Bridge to Chain Bridge and the Anacostia from the Maryland line, but the officers can be called much farther up and down stream in an emergency; theirs is the only 24-hour, 7-days-a-week service in our immediate area. In addition to the rivers, they answer calls to the Tidal Basin, Rock Creek, the C&O Canal, even District swimming pools and the reservoirs. Reservoirs? When asked what could penetrate those high, strong fences, it was explained that, for instance, a gun needed for evidence by the police could have been thrown over and in. The Harbor Patrol will dive to recover it.

The pier at the foot of N Street, where a minimum of three officers is always on duty, hums with activity all the time. Besides water rescue, duties include law enforcement (for example, boating speed and safety violations), fishery enforcement (everyone between the ages of 16 and 65 is required to have license), courtesy towing of disabled boats, and education. Well-attended classes in basic seamanship and boating safety are held at least once a month, and an indispensable booklet setting out such topics as safety, navigation and legal rules is available to boat owners and fishermen. The officers also make regular visits to marinas to advise there on safety and to check for violations.

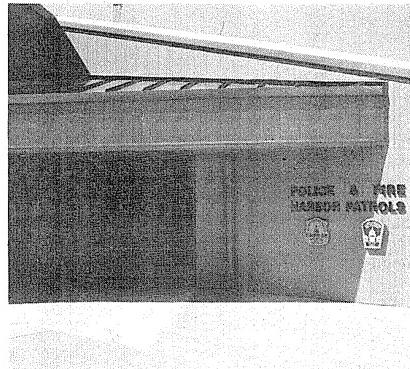
The Patrol is responsible too for rescues in ice-related accidents, those occurring on rivers, canals, creeks, etc. During training each crew member must have the experience of falling through the ice and being rescued

by his colleagues who, wearing crampons, learn how to approach the victim and learn the skills for getting him out of the frigid water. A truck is kept packed with the equipment necessary for rescue for the duration of an ice spell so the crew can move out at once after a call for help.

The officers train on a continuing basis. Some of these exercises take place at Camp Ernest Brown in Scotland, Maryland, where the instructors spend two weeks each year teaching two groups of officers --one week for each group-- so that a complement is always there to man the pier. Intensively practiced are scuba diving, all facets of water rescue, and emergency first aid, among other skills. Any officer who has joined the Harbor Police in the last two years is required to be a scuba diver, and most of those who joined previously are trained divers too. Many are licensed emergency medical technicians; others are marine mechanics. All Harbor Police are trained senior life savers. A full complement of officers would be 22, but there are about 4 vacancies at present due to city budget problems.

The architecture of the Harbor Police buildings is pleasantly unassuming and gets along very well with the neighboring little part and the dock for the river cruise ships. It isn't until a tour of the plant, guided by Officer Tim Pyles, that a visitor realizes how much has been ingeniously fitted into the pier. An airy classroom, several smallish, neat offices and a "nerve center" (radios --ship-to-shore, city police, etc. and telephones are monitored 24 hours a day) are part of the main building. When the tour continues outside, Officer Pyles points out the helicopter pad at the tip of the pier. Originally the Metropolitan Police helicopter was to be based there, but, because of objections to the noise from nearby residents, the base was moved to Clinton, Maryland. In an emergency the chopper can reach the pier in 3-5 minutes, where it sets down briefly to pick up waiting police personnel. (Available also for emergencies are the Park Police and National Guard helicopters.) Besides answering emergency calls, the helicopter regularly patrols the DC Waterways alert for hazardous conditions.

The visitor is shown the section of the premises where the Fire Department crew maintains its water rescue equipment. Seven



Harbor Patrol Office

firemen are on duty at all times, including one member in the tower whose job it lookout and radio monitoring. Of course, the fire and police patrols work hand in hand; often one could not function without the other. Rescue boats (two fire and eight police) and trucks are in beautiful condition; among the facilities is a drydock where the mechanics work to keep them that way.

Asked about the dogs heard occasionally by a walker along the waterfront, Officer Pyles says that the bomb-sniffing canines are housed in small section of the pier by the Metropolitan Police Bomb Squad, which also has a fully equipped truck on the site.

All of the officers, who are regular members of the DC Police Force, are volunteers to the Harbor branch. They say they ask for the duty (which they sometimes have to wait years to get) because their of interest in boating and water safety.

**The Harbor Police will hold a demonstration of rescue and safety operations on our waterfront on Saturday, June 1, starting at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who has seen these demonstrations in other years knows who exciting and impressive they are.**

## SUMMER FEET

**By Vesta D.  
McDowell, D.P.M.**

With the coming of warm weather, we must be mindful of the fact that our bodies will undergo changes with the increase in temperature. We will need to drink more fluids, especially water, and replace minerals lost by perspiration. With perspiration in mind, think of your feet! If you already suffer from moist, sweaty, often times smelly feet, then the summer heat will produce more of a problem for you. However, all of us should be conscious of the fact that our feet have sweat glands on the bottom just as our hands do. One reason smell often accompanies sweaty feet is because of fungus. Fungus is a type of parasite that thrives on a host organism, in this case, you. Fungus likes a dark, warm, moist environment. What better place to grow than in your shoe? Fungus of the feet is called tinea pedis. If you notice peeling skin on your feet, red patchy areas that itch, small fluid-filled sacs (blisters) or white water-filled-like areas between your toes, you could have tinea pedis. To determine the best method of treatment, I recommend that you seek the professional advice of a podiatrist.

In getting away from the traditional Saturday night bath in the tub, we opt for the convenience of the shower. We often neglect washing our feet, assuming that the water that trickles down to the floor will take care of them. However, our feet need attention too. It is necessary to take time to wash our feet with lots of soap and water to remove the build up of dirt and debris, oils and residue which can clog pores. It is important to put a special emphasis on cleaning between the toes. Additionally, as important as cleaning is drying. And if you do suffer from sweaty feet, try sprinkling some powder between your toes and in the toebox of your shoes.

Although tempting, walking barefoot is not advised. The risk of stepping on a piece of glass or splinter of wood with possible subsequent infection, etc., far outweigh the pleasure of frolicking footloose and fancy-free.

Should the above tips not render you free from infection of tinea pedis, or foreign body (glass, splinter, etc.), I suggest that you seek professional help of a podiatrist. My office is located in Southwest in the Carrollsburg Condominium at 1250 Fourth Street, Washington, DC (202) 488-7740

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While the resolution does not endorse statehood, the League feels that the citizens of the District of Columbia should be afforded the same rights of self-government, but it has not reached a consensus on this issue. Presently, the League neither supports nor opposes statehood for the District.

The Capitol Hill Chapter has evening meetings. The active Southwest Unit meets in member's homes at 9:45 AM usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except during July and August. For more information please contact Grace Savage at 202-554-3474.

## C.S.T.A. NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OPPOSE RENT INCREASE

C.S.T.A., Inc., the tenant association for Channel Square, recently elected new board members who will be faced with the challenge of the proposed rent increase. Newly elected officers include Marcella Morrisey, President; Esmeralda Matthews, Vice President; Paulette Gordon, Secretary; Debra Dixon, Assistant Secretary; Ruth M. Ramasaur, Treasurer; Juanita Tribble, Assistant Treasurer; Jack Tribble, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Doris Lowery, Parliamentarian.

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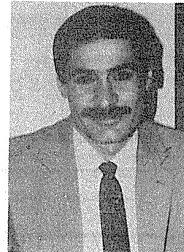
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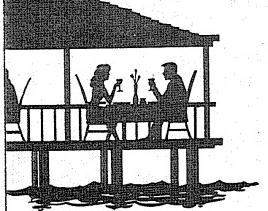


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### BENEFIT CONCERT AT FOUNDRY CHURCH FOR FOOD AND FRIENDS

On Sunday afternoon, June 2 from 1:30 to 3:30, a very special event will take place at Foundry United Methodist Church, 16th and ' Streets, N.W., in Washington. A benefit concert for four AIDS service organizations will fill the sanctuary with music ranging from classical to folk to jazz. The concert is sponsored by Foundry's AIDS mission. Donations are \$10.00 and tickets are available at the front desk of the church Monday through Friday, and by calling 202-667-0008, and at the time of the performance.

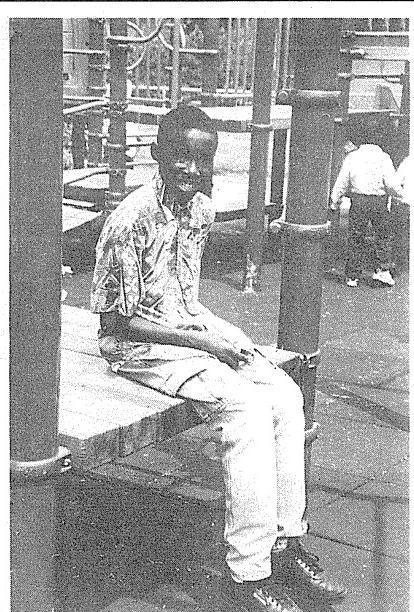
The concert is designed to allow patrons to attend all or part of the event. Listed in order of appearance, the performers will be Eileen Guenther, internationally known organist and host of WGMS radio's "The Royal Instrument"; Susan Bender, Daisy Jackson, and Robert Patton, three superb vocalists who have appeared in numerous opera and solo performances; Side by Side, a well-known Washington area folk duo; Karen Beasley and Ernest C. Lewis, a talented duo who will delight with the best of Broadway--Ms. Beasley is a veteran of countless theater productions, Mr. Lewis, an accomplished professional jazz singer; Roberts' Revival, the hand-picked best from the internationally acclaimed gospel choir at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church; Debby Wenner-Wittrup, a singer who has appeared with numerous opera companies and is equally at home with jazz; and Brooks Tegler's "Hot Jazz," a group familiar to Washington area jazz enthusiasts, having performed at the Kennedy Center as well as across Holland, Germany, France and Belgium. Each performer will perform for approximately twenty minutes.

The concert will benefit the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, Food and Friends, Grandma's House, and the Whitman-Walker Clinic Food Bank. For information call 202-667-0008.

### JUNE BAZAAR - CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ United Methodist Church at 4th and Eye Streets, S.W., is having a fund-raising bazaar. White elephant items, books, clothing, baked goods, and food will be available. Breakfast will be sold from 8:00-10:00 A.M., and lunch from 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

So come out and enjoy a Spring day on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. in the church Social Hall and Sunken Garden. Eat and shop at the same place that day!



Daniel Mack

### DANIEL MACK: YOUNG AT HEART

by Donna J. Alston

Daniel Mack is a fine young Southwest lad. Brought up in the church, he participates in the Angelic Choir and Youth Ushers. Daniel is affectionately called Dan by his friends. This ten year-old enjoys going to church, spending time with his buddies and attending the Boys' Club. Reverend Joseph Franklin, pastor at Second Baptist Church where Daniel attends, commented, "Our church in fact has many young followers as well as young at heart worshipers." Dan is an articulate young man and a positive influence for his peers. His parents are very proud of him. He also has the admiration of his sister and brother.

This slender built young man is indeed quite blessed with much spiritual wisdom. Daniel's main inspiration comes from the guidance of none other than his grandmother.

<b>WELCOME TO SAINT DOMINIC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Dominican Fathers and Brothers Reverend Norman A. Haddad, O.P. Pastor 630 E Street, Southwest (202) 554-7863 <b>MASSES</b> SATURDAY EVE: 5:15 p.m. SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:45, 12:15 and 5:15 p.m. HOLYDAYS: Evening before: 5:30 p.m., 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. WEEKDAYS: 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 12:10 p.m. SATURDAY: 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.
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### TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only four to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost anybody, if you try.
6. Be generous with praise --cautious with criticism.
7. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
8. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
9. Learn to trust people, for trust builds lasting relationships.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many fold.

### FATHER'S DAY GIFT FOR DADS IN THE NAVAL SERVICES

Father's Day gift shoppers can honor their fathers who served or serve now in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps by enrolling them in the US Navy Memorial Log. A minimum \$25 tax-deductible donation is all that's required to enroll a name in the Log, and the Memorial will acknowledge each enrollment with a card in time for Father's Day presentation to Dad. Thousands of Navy dads have been so honored since the Navy Log was established five years ago.

The Log is a computerized repository of names which have been entered by individuals themselves, in memory of shipmates or relatives, or as commemorative gifts. The Log will be displayed at the Visitors Center being constructed next to the Memorial; each entry will show an individual's name, highest rank or rate held, dates of service and date and place of birth. The Log now holds nearly 180,000 names --including Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine personnel who have served with Navy units.

Located on Pennsylvania Avenue in the nation's capital, the US Navy Memorial centers on a 100-foot diameter granite map of the world, which serves as an amphitheater for band concerts, surrounded by fountains and waterfalls. The Lone Sailor statue stands on the granite map. Construction continues of a 24,000 square Visitors Center, which is scheduled to open in June.

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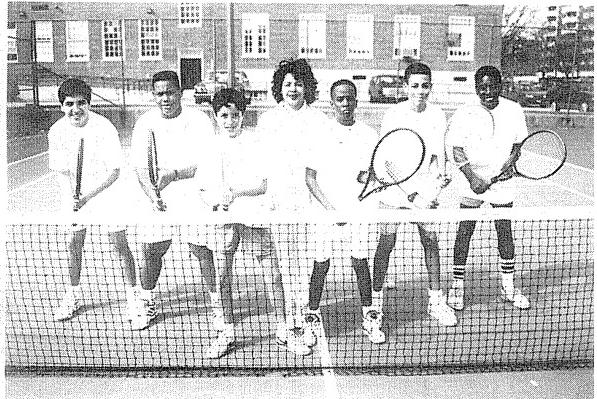
Jefferson Junior High School Students pose with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



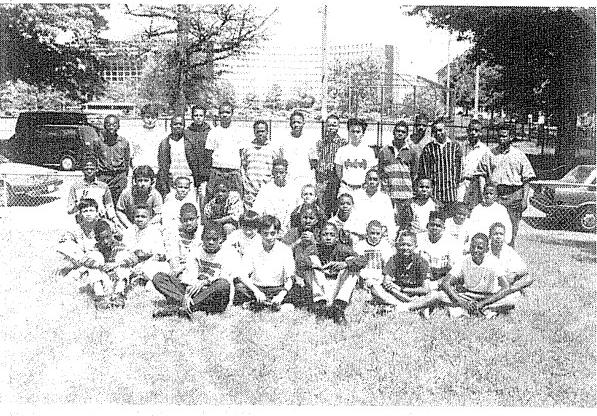
Student Takes Hearing Test At Jefferson Health Fair



Jefferson Jr. H. 7th Grade Girls Honor Roll



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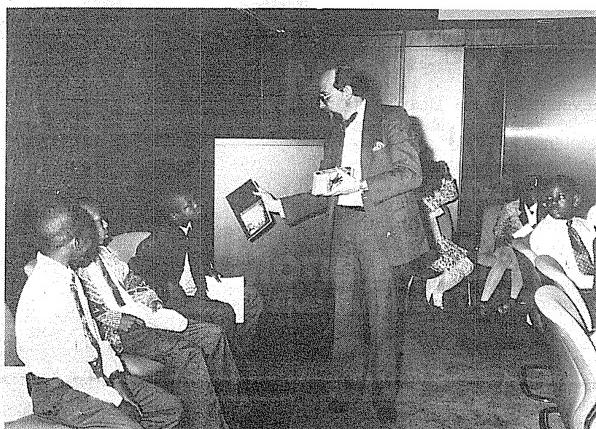
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Amidon Young Investors At The World Bank



Guido Deboeck Of The World Bank Discuss Books And Tapes

## AMIDON'S YOUNG INVESTORS VISIT THE WORLD BANK

Some students look forward to the National geography Bee; others look forward to the Young Investors Fair; but the event that brings the greatest anticipation for the Young Investors of Amidon Elementary School is the morning-long visit to the World Bank's Investment Department. For three consecutive years, the World Bank's Investment Department has warmly welcomed the Amidon Elementary School Young Investors. This year a totally new and exciting program was presented to the students.

In conjunction with the Bank's Community Relations Office, several staff of the Investment Department kept the youth excited from beginning to end. Mr. Jean-Francois Rischard, Director of the Investment Department, presented an overview of the World Bank and the operations of the Investment Department. His presentation prompted a round of sophisticated questions from the Young Investors. Afterwards, Ms. Lesley Simmons, Public Information Officer, Information and Public Affairs Division, engaged the students in a role-playing skit on how poverty affects families in the Third World. Following a break, Mr. Guido Deboeck, Manager and Advisor in Investments, presented a slide show which covered the role of the World Bank, how the Bank

differs from other banks, how the investments operate, and what investment instruments and strategies the Bank uses. The high-light of the event was a tour of the trading floor and the Computer Room, a highly technical area that even many Bank staff have not yet seen. Mr. Deboeck engaged the students in some practical exercises, one of which was establishing an "investment board." In this exercise, the students were asked to decide on the allocation of a fictitious portfolio, based on the suggestions made by three groups of students, who each covered various segments of the financial markets. The morning-long visit to the World Bank flowed into the afternoon, as the students took a keen interest in all aspects of investment operations performed at the World Bank.

Students on the tour were Thomas Allanah, Ryan Barber, Yolanda Brown, Jamal Carroll, Geneene Foster, Eric Goodson, Mikiyas Getachew, Lorenzo Hall, Danielle Holt, Daquan Hooks, Alana Horn, Damien Lovett, LaMeka Keys, Latasha Lewis, Arkeem Matthews, Stevonna Miles, Dionne Nesby, Tracie Ransom, Antonita Robins, Crystal Simpson, Dane Thomas, and Marc Williams. Chaperons for the tour included PTA Vice President Alan Bean, Dr. Robert Radford, Advisor to Young Investors, and Amidon Instructors Mrs. Ferguson and Ms. Harris.

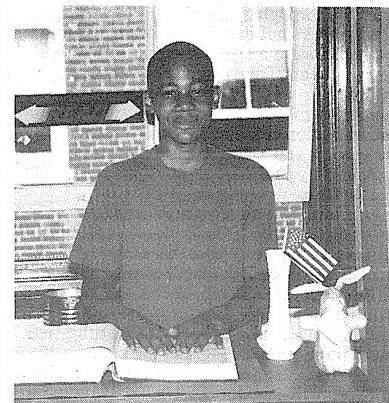
(Thelma D. Jones, Executive Assistant, Investment Department and coordinator of the annual Young Investors visit, contributed to this article.)

## NOTES FROM SOME OUTSTANDING SW GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS



Linda Braswell - Syphax E.S.

I am Lynda Braswell, 6th grader at Syphax Elementary school in SW. I like being a part of things that are happening in my school, therefore you will find me in the Gospel Choir, Glee Club and Gifted and Talented Program. Since I enjoy going to school, I plan to go to college, get a good job, own a car and a house. I look forward to having a family.--Lynda Braswell, Grade 6, Syphax School.



Jerome Childress - Syphax E.S.

I am Jerome Childress, a sixth grader, who attends Syphax Elementary School in SW DC. My ambition is to play all sports. I am the point guard on the Syphax team and I score quite often. I am considered to be a very fast track and field runner. My coaches, Mr. Oscar Taylor, Ms. Regina, and Mr. Wally Perry, gave me excellent training. Scholastically, I am an Honor Student and am a part of the Gifted and Talented Program. Public speaking is one of my great loves. I participate in all of the school assemblies, mainly as Emcee. I plan to attend college and become a doctor.--Jerome Childress, Grade 6, Syphax School.

## SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



**TEAM Program Staff**

### ARTHUR CAPPER/ CARROLLSBURG AND THE TEAM PROGRAM

The Koba Institute has been awarded a five (5) year grant from the federal Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) to provide an intensive and comprehensive primary prevention and early intervention program targeting third through sixth grade level children who, by the nature of their environmental circumstances of growing up in a "high intensity drug trafficking" urban public housing project, are at extremely high risk for engaging in drug and alcohol abuse. The "Talented, Educated and Makin' It" (TEAM) program is based on a model of change through social influence and incorporates multiple levels of intervention directed toward a specific group of children, their parents and families, and their community. The TEAM program is intended to be a model community demonstration project that will be carefully evaluated and accurately depicted for replication in other similar high-risk communities.

This comprehensive program is planned to serve 40 children and their families during each year that the program is funded. It is hoped that this program will have an impact beyond the lives of these 40 children and their families by setting an example and sending a message of drug-free health promotion throughout the community.

The severity of alcohol and other drug problems in the District of Columbia has recently become a part of both the nation's consciousness and its conscience. Media coverage of the violence born of drug traffic in our area has been extensive as the District enters its second year of record-breaking homicide rates. Of the 372 homicides that occurred in the District during 1988, 67% are estimated to have occurred as a result of drug-related violence.

In 1987, distribution of narcotics accounted for 85% of the District's juvenile arrests. When this is compared to a distribution charge rate of 24% of juvenile arrests in 1986, it becomes clear that the pattern of youth involvement in illicit drugs has changed dramatically. Our youth have become the "front line" of a complex drug distribution system. Criminal behavior has, for some youth, become a "rite of passage" into adulthood.

Thus, prevention in the District of Columbia must be geared at more than merely helping children "Say No" to the use of alcohol and other drugs. It must also fortify youngsters against the powerful lures and pressures of "easy" money, peer pressure and false hope generated by the thriving illicit drug market of the D.C. metropolitan area. Many of the District's children face the multiple problems of poverty, inadequate or destructive parenting, and an environment permeated by drug users and sellers.

The dramatic increase in drug-related social problems in the District has been well documented by the national media. However, the heightened severity of these problems in the District's public housing projects has just begun to be noticed. This project represents a national thrust to impact the drug epidemic within public housing projects.

For further information, call 202-547-1232.

### WALK AWAY FROM DRUGS WITH THE TEAM JUNE 1st

On June 1, 1991, at 11:00 A.M., join the TEAM, families of Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg Housing Development and other concerned citizens in a "Walk Away From Drugs".

The Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg TEAM program will be sponsoring its second "Walk Away From Drugs" on Saturday, June 1, 1991, beginning at 11:00 A.M. The starting point of the walk will be 501 Virginia Avenue, S.E.

This event is part of a series of activities in the TEAM's "Get High On Life" campaign. The walk is being carried out to affirm our desire to take positive steps toward improving the health, mental and physical, of the citizens in our community. With this walk, we are stating that we are Pro health, Pro family, and Pro community.

Please join us on June 1, 1991, and Walk-Away-From-Drugs... "Just For the Health of It".

For additional information, call Dana Olds of the TEAM at 547-1232; Vivian Williams of Friendship House at 675-9243, or Matt Jones of Capitol South Community Improvement Association at 334-6067.



**Mahmoud Baptiste And Farid Williams**



**Dewayne Pollard At The Computer**



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